

LIVE WASHINGTON TOPICS.

THE IMMIGRATION COMMISSIONERS
MAKE THEIR REPORT.

Their Say That the Importation of Contract Laborers and the Shipment of Refugees to This Country has been Practically Stopped, and that Canadian Inspection is Impracticable—A Discharged Canoeist Has reAppealed.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—The report of the Immigration Commission—Messrs. Weber, Cross, Kemper, Powderly, and Schultzes—was abroad to investigate the causes which induced the heavy immigration from Europe to the United States, has been made public by the Treasury Department.

The Commissioners visited different countries and made separate reports. Commissioners Weber and Kemper made a joint report to the cause which incited emigration.

They say there are certain conditions and advantages in the United States: higher wages, fewer hours of labor, better living, freedom from military duty and burdensome taxation, and regulations involving freedom of movement, personal liberty, and better opportunities for rising to social levels in this country; and in Russia it is due to religious persecution. They obtained statistics from all the great transatlantic steamship companies, showing that more than 60 percent of the immigrants who land here come on tickets sent by relatives or friends who have prearranged them, and which are purchased in this country. As to whether steamship companies stimulate immigration, they report that in the countries which they visited this is forbidden by law with severe penalties, copies of which are appended to the report.

The result of the conference held with the steamship companies at Liverpool and Bremen was given, in which the steamship companies express a determination to be governed by our laws, and several lines have already issued circulars requiring all sub-agents to conform with the new instructions based upon our laws.

As to the importation of contract laborers, they report that Congress, which started the immigration, has done nothing to stop it, and that the general oversight has very largely stopped the wholesale practice of such operations, and that the existing laws limit the importation of fugitives to the systematic shipment of fugitives, criminals, insane, &c., to this country. The substitution is asked on the ground that, by reason of the litigation over the will and the attitude of the parties, the contracts cannot be honored, they are distasteful to Mrs. Appleton. Her husband and her attorney, she thinks, are quite as competent and more agreeable.

THEY ACCUSE HIM OF ARSON.

Mr. Fox Says His Partner Confessed That He Had Tried to Burn the Building.

Last Wednesday a fire broke out in the building 304 and 306 Canal street, the upper stories of which are occupied by Charles Bernstein & Co., lace importers. The fire did about \$10,000 damage.

About 6½ o'clock on Saturday night S. B. Fox, a member of the firm, saw a light in a closet on one of the upper floors.

He walked toward the closet Felix Murphy, a porter, rushed past him into the closet, blew out a candle, whose light had attracted Mr. Fox, and threw the candle out of the window. The wood work in the closet had been soaked with kerosene oil and rags saturated with kerosene lay upon the floor. As Murphy had recently had trouble with one of the firm, and had threatened revenge, suspicious pointed to him as the culprit.

At the Towns Court yesterday Fox swore that Murphy had acknowledged in the presence of Mr. Bergenstein and R. J. Nagle, members of the firm, that he had set fire to the building. Murphy denied strenuously that he had made any such statement or that he had anything to do with the fire. He was held in \$500 for examination to-day.

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

NOTIFIERS ALAMEDA—THIS DAY.
Sun rises.... 6:45 Sun sets.... 4:16
MORN WATER—THIS DAY.

Sandy Hook 8:45 Govt. Island, 4:22 Hell Gate, 6:11

Arrived—Sunda, Feb. 7.

Se Adriatic, Nicol, Liverpool.
Se Laramore, Brammer, Liverpool.
Se San Marcos, Barrowa, Galveston.
Se Rottnest, Fremantle, Liverpool.
Se Trieste, Pernar, Bermuda.
Se Gorgas, Waller, Norfolk.
Se Umbria, McKay, Liverpool.

Arrived—Tuesday, Feb. 9. (See First Page.)

ARRIVED OUT.

Ms Aller, from New York, at Southampton.

OUTGOING STEAMERS.

Sat. Feb. 9.—*Admiral*, *Franklin*, *Franklin*, *Chittenden*, *Albemarle*, *Winnipeg*, *Chesapeake*.

Chittenden, *Albemarle*, *Franklin*, *Winnipeg*, *Chesapeake*, *Charleston*.

Cat. *Merion*.

Lake Brymer, 10:00 A. M.

1:00 P. M.

2:00 P. M.

3:00 P. M.

NOTICES RECEIVED.

Napier.... 8:45 Gibraltar.

Vigilance.... St. Thomas, Jan. 8

Barbadoes.... St. Kitts, Jan. 27

Barbadoes.... St. Lucia, Jan. 21

Olympia.... Gibraltar, Jan. 21

Colorado.... St. Lucia, Jan. 28

Richmond Hill.... London, Jan. 28

Umbria.... Liverpool, Jan. 30

Norge.... Christiansand, Jan. 24

Europe.... London, Jan. 27

Havanna.... Havana, Jan. 24

La Normandie.... Havre, Jan. 30

Due Wednesday, Feb. 8.

Aveo.... Kingston, Feb. 8.

Cute.... Liverpool, Jan. 29

Edwards.... Bremen, Jan. 31

Alexander.... London, Jan. 30

North Eire.... London, Jan. 28

Due Wednesday, Feb. 8.

Belenzland.... Liverpool, Feb. 8.

Mart.... Antwerp, Jan. 30

Barbadoes.... London, Feb. 6

Due Friday, Feb. 10.

City of Berlin.... Liverpool, Feb. 8.

Obdam.... London, Jan. 31

Aliens.... London, Jan. 31

Due Friday, Feb. 10.

Italy.... London, Jan. 30

Due Monday, Feb. 13.

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